

How Does My Company Score on Pollution Prevention?

Eliminating and reducing toxics, waste and pollution helps the environment. But did you know that it also saves money, increases your company's efficiency and makes it more competitive?

Take this quiz to find out how much your company has already done, and how much is left to do, toward environmental competitiveness. Keep a count of your YES answers to determine your score at the end.

Pollution Prevention Commitment

Have a pollution prevention policy?

Have pollution prevention goals?

Train employees in pollution prevention?

Evaluate employees on their environmental performance?

Ask employees, suppliers and customers for pollution prevention suggestions?

Reward pollution prevention success?

Inform the public about company environmental efforts?

Product Development and Design

Design products to minimize content of hazardous substances?

Design products to be durable?

Design products to be manufactured with minimal hazardous substances?

Design products to be manufactured with recycled materials?

Design products for disassembly, reuse or recycling?

Conservation

Have a water conservation program?

Use water saving fixtures, such as low flow toilets?

Have desert landscaping?

Use energy efficient lighting?

Use energy efficient heating and cooling?

Conduct periodic energy audits?

Encourage ride sharing, telecommuting, flex hours, or job sharing?

Waste Reduction

Reduce wastepaper by encouraging email, doublesided copying, etc.?

Use reusable shipping containers?

Use bulk dispensers?

Use quality control to limit production of off-spec and damaged products?

Use materials exchanges to find customers for used or unneeded materials?

Eliminate / reduce packaging?

Segregate wastes and avoid mixing them?

Source Reduction

Eliminate toxic chemicals or substitute less toxic ones where possible?

Fix leaks, cover containers, avoid spills and releases?

Have purchasing restrictions for toxic chemicals?

Have strict inventory and access controls for toxic chemicals?

Purchase only amounts needed?

Recycle or Reuse

Packaging?

Office paper?

Aluminum?

Scrap metals?

Fluorescent lamps?

Used oil?

Antifreeze?

Freon?

Buy and use recycled products?

Total your YES responses.

Scoring

30 or Above - Bulls eye ! Share your successes with other businesses !

20 - 29 - On the right track ! Your company has already moved toward environmental competitiveness !

10 - 19 - Good start, almost there ! You are saving money, energy, resources, and materials.

Below 9 - Aim higher ! Preventing pollution can save money, increase employee morale, and enhance your company' s image.